

Census Bureau's Proposal For American Community Survey (ACS) 5-Year Data Products

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Restrictions on the Release of ACS 5-Year Data Products Required for Disclosure Avoidance

The set of restrictions listed below include all restrictions relevant to the ACS 5-year data products that were identified as of January 30, 2009. Certain data products may require additional restrictions.

1. ACS estimates of Unmarried Partners and characteristics of the population living in Groups Quarters cannot be released at the block group level.
2. Detailed tables with more than 100 cells cannot be released at the block group level.
3. Medians or other quantiles must be calculated as an interpolation from a frequency distribution of unrounded data (these are not subject to additional rounding.)
4. All ACS estimates in the form of either means or aggregates, defined here as a sum of the values for each of the elements in the universe, (eg., the sum of the income of all households in a given geographic area) must be based on at least three sample cases.
5. For the Selected Population Profiles, there must be at least 50 unweighted sample cases over the 5-year period in the universe (specific population subgroup) in a given geographic area for the profile to be released.
6. For workplace tables, there must be at least 50 unweighted or 300 weighted workers in sample over the 5-year period in a given workplace for the table to be released.
7. For the residence and workplace tables where means of transportation (mode) is crossed with one or more other variables, there must be at least three unweighted workers in sample for each transportation mode in a given place for the table to be released. Otherwise the data must be collapsed or suppressed and complementary suppression must be applied. There is no threshold on univariate tables.

Table 1. Summary of Current ACS 1-year Data products and the Proposed ACS 5-year Data Products

1-year Data Products	Proposed for 5-year Data Products	Proposed Geographic Areas for 5-year Data Products
Detailed Tables/Summary Files	Yes	See Table 2
Data Profiles	Yes	See Table 2
Subject Tables	Yes	See Table 2
Selected Population Profiles	Yes	See Table 2
Narrative Profiles	Yes	See Table 2
Thematic Maps	Yes	See Table 3
Geographic Comparison Tables (Comparison of ACS data for a given time period across a variety of geographic areas.)	Yes	See Table 4
Special Data Product - Place of work	Yes	See Table 5
Special Data Product - Residence 1 Year Ago	Yes	See Table 5
Public Use Microdata Sample (PUMS) Files	Yes	Geographic codes included in the PUMS files are restricted to state and PUMA**
Ranking Tables	No	---
Comparison Profiles (Comparison of ACS data for the current year to those from previous years for a specific geographic area.)	No*	---

*Currently, the Census Bureau only plans to produce comparison profiles for ACS 1-year data products. The Census Bureau is exploring alternative data products to assist data users who may be interested in comparing multiyear estimates.

**Public Use Microdata Areas

	Table 2. Proposed Geographic Summary Levels for Selected ACS 5-year Data Products					
Summary Level Code	Summary Level Description	Detailed Tables & ACS Summary Files	Data Profiles	Subject Tables	Selected Population Profiles	Narrative Profiles
	Commonly Used Summary Levels					
10	United States	√	√	√	√	√
40	State	√	√	√	√	√
50	State-County	√	√	√	√	√
60	State-County-County Subdivision	√	√	√	√	√
140	State-County-Census Tract	√	√	√	√	√
150	State-County-Census Tract-Block Group	√	√			
160	State-Place	√	√	√	√	√
250	American Indian Area/Alaska Native Area/Hawaiian Home Land	√	√	√	√	√
310	Metropolitan Statistical Area/Micropolitan Statistical Area	√	√	√	√	√
400	Urban Area	√	√	√	√	√
500	State-Congressional District	√	√	√	√	√
860	5-digit ZIP Code Tabulation Area	√	√	√	√	
795	State-Public Use Microdata Area (PUMA)	√	√	√	√	√
950	State-School District (Elementary)	√	√	√	√	
960	State-School District (Secondary)	√	√	√	√	
970	State-School District (Unified)	√	√	√	√	
	All Summary Levels Used in Census 2000 Summary File 3 Detailed Tables					
10	United States	√	√	√	√	√
20	Region	√	√	√	√	√
30	Division	√	√	√	√	√
40	State	√	√	√	√	√
50	State-County	√	√	√	√	√
60	State-County-County Subdivision	√	√	√	√	√
67	State [Puerto Rico Only]-County-County Subdivision-Subbarrio	√	√	√	√	√
70	State-County-County Subdivision-Place/Remainder	√	√			
80	State-County-County Subdivision-Place/Remainder-Census Tract	√	√			
85	State-County-County Subdivision-Place/Remainder-Census Tract-Urban/Rural					
90	State-County-County Subdivision-Place/Remainder-Census Tract-Urban/Rural-Block Group					
140	State-County-Census Tract	√	√	√	√	√
144	State-County-Census Tract-American Indian Area/Alaska Native Area/Hawaiian Home Land					
150	State-County-Census Tract-Block Group	√	√			
154	State-County-Census Tract-Block Group-American Indian Area/Alaska Native Area/Hawaiian Home Land					
155	State-Place-County	√	√	√	√	√

Summary Level Code	Summary Level Description	Detailed Tables & ACS Summary Files	Data Profiles	Subject Tables	Selected Population Profiles	Narrative Profiles
158	State-Place-County-Census Tract					
160	State-Place	√	√	√	√	√
170	State-Consolidated City	√	√	√	√	
172	State-Consolidated City-Place Within Consolidated City	√	√			
230	State-Alaska Native Regional Corporation	√	√	√	√	√
250	American Indian Area/Alaska Native Area/Hawaiian Home Land	√	√	√	√	√
251	American IndianArea/Alaska NativeArea/HawaiianHomeLand-Tribal Subdivision/Remainder	√	√	√	√	√
252	American Indian Area/Alaska Native Area (Reservation or Statistical Entity Only)	√	√		√	
253	American Indian Area/Alaska Native Area (Reservation or Statistical Entity Only)-Tribal Subdivision/Remainder					
254	American Indian Area (Off-Reservation Trust Land Only)/Hawaiian Home Land	√	√		√	
255	American Indian Area (Off-Reservation Trust Land Only)/Hawaiian Home Land-Tribal Subdivision/Remainder					
256	Specified American Indian Area-Tribal Census Tract	√	√	√	√	
257	Specified American Indian Area-Tribal Subdivision/Remainder-Tribal Census Tract					
258	Specified American Indian Area-Tribal Census Tract-Tribal Block Group	√	√			
259	Specified American Indian Area-Tribal Subdivision/Remainder-Tribal Census Tract-Tribal Block Group					
260	American Indian Area/Alaska Native Area/Hawaiian Home Land-State	√	√		√	
261	State-American Indian Area/Alaska Native Area/Hawaiian Home Land-County-County Subdivision					
262	American Indian Area/Alaska Native Area (Reservation or Statistical Entity Only)-State					
263	State-American Indian Area/Alaska Native Area/Hawaiian Home Land-County-County Subdivision-Place/Remainder					
264	American Indian Area (Off-Reservation Trust Land Only)/Hawaiian Home Land-State					
265	State-American Indian Area/Alaska Native Area (Reservation or Statistical Entity Only)-County-County Subdivision					
266	State-American Indian Area/Alaska Native Area (Reservation or Statistical Entity Only)-County-County Subdivision-Place/Remainder					
267	State-American Indian Area (Off-Reservation Trust Land Only)/Hawaiian Home Land-County-County Subdivision					
268	State-American Indian Area (Off-Reservation Trust Land Only)/Hawaiian Home Land-County-County Subdivision-Place/Remainder					
270	American Indian Area/Alaska Native Area/Hawaiian Home Land-State-County					
271	American Indian Area/Alaska Native Area/Hawaiian Home Land-State-County-County Subdivision					

Summary Level Code	Summary Level Description	Detailed Tables & ACS Summary Files	Data Profiles	Subject Tables	Selected Population Profiles	Narrative Profiles
272	American Indian Area/Alaska Native Area (Reservation or Statistical Entity Only)-State-County					
273	American Indian Area/Alaska Native Area/Hawaiian Home Land-State-County-County Subdivision-Place/Remainder					
274	American Indian Area (Off-Reservation Trust Land Only)/Hawaiian Home Land-State-County					
275	American Indian Area/Alaska Native Area (Reservation or Statistical Entity Only)-State-County-County Subdivision					
276	American Indian Area/Alaska Native Area (Reservation or Statistical Entity Only)-State-County-County Subdivision-Place/Remainder					
277	American Indian Area (Off-Reservation Trust Land Only)/Hawaiian Home Land-State-County-County Subdivision					
278	American Indian Area (Off-Reservation Trust Land Only)/Hawaiian Home Land-State-County-County Subdivision-Place/Remainder					
280	State-American Indian Area/Alaska Native Area/Hawaiian Home Land	√	√	√	√	√
281	State-AmericanIndianArea/AlaskaNativeArea/HawaiianHomeLand-TribalSubdivision/Remainder					
282	State-American Indian Area/Alaska Native Area/Hawaiian Home Land-County					
283	State-American Indian Area/Alaska Native Area (Reservation or Statistical Entity Only)	√	√	√	√	√
284	State-American Indian Area/Alaska Native Area (Reservation or Statistical Entity Only)-Tribal Subdivision/Remainder					
285	State-American Indian Area/Alaska Native Area (Reservation or Statistical Entity Only)-County					
286	State-American Indian Area (Off-Reservation Trust Land Only)/Hawaiian Home Land	√	√	√	√	√
287	State-American Indian Area (Off-Reservation Trust Land Only)/Hawaiian Home Land-Tribal Subdivision/Remainder					
288	State-American Indian Area (Off-Reservation Trust Land Only)/Hawaiian Home Land-County					
290	American IndianArea/Alaska NativeArea/HawaiianHomeLand-Tribal Subdivision/Remainder-State					
291	Specified American Indian Area (Reservation Only)-Tribal Census Tract	√	√	√	√	√
292	Specified American Indian Area (Off-Reservation Trust Land Only)-Tribal Census Tract	√	√	√	√	√
293	Specified American Indian Area (Reservation Only)-Tribal Census Tract-Tribal Block Group	√	√			
294	Specified American Indian Area (Off-Reservation Trust Land Only)-Tribal Census Tract-Tribal Block Group	√	√			
NOTE: Summary levels 310-366 correspond to the Core-based Statistical Areas definitions for Metropolitan and Micropolitan Statistical Areas						
310	Metropolitan Statistical Area/Micropolitan Statistical Area	√	√	√	√	√
311	Metropolitan Statistical Area/Micropolitan Statistical Area-State	√	√			

Summary Level Code	Summary Level Description	Detailed Tables & ACS Summary Files	Data Profiles	Subject Tables	Selected Population Profiles	Narrative Profiles
312	Metropolitan Statistical Area/Micropolitan Statistical Area-State-Principal City	√	√	√	√	√
313	Metropolitan Statistical Area/Micropolitan Statistical Area-State-County	√	√			
314	Metropolitan Statistical Area-Metropolitan Division	√	√	√	√	√
315	Metropolitan Statistical Area-Metropolitan Division-State	√	√			
316	Metropolitan Statistical Area-Metropolitan Division-State-County	√	√			
320	State-Metropolitan Statistical Area/Micropolitan Statistical Area	√	√			
321	State-Metropolitan Statistical Area/Micropolitan Statistical Area-Principal City	√	√			
322	State-Metropolitan Statistical Area/Micropolitan Statistical Area-County	√	√			
323	State-Metropolitan Statistical Area-Metropolitan Division	√	√			
324	State-Metropolitan Statistical Area-Metropolitan Division-County	√	√			
330	Combined Statistical Area	√	√	√	√	√
331	Combined Statistical Area-State	√	√			
332	Combined Statistical Area-Metropolitan Statistical Area/Micropolitan Statistical Area	√	√			
333	Combined Statistical Area-Metropolitan Statistical Area/Micropolitan Statistical Area-State	√	√			
335	Combined New England City and Town Area	√	√	√	√	√
336	Combined New England City and Town Area-State	√	√			
337	Combined New England City and Town Area-New England City and Town Area	√	√			
338	Combined New England City and Town Area-New England City and Town Area-State	√	√			
340	State-Combined Statistical Area	√	√			
341	State-Combined Statistical Area-Metropolitan Statistical Area/Micropolitan Statistical Area	√	√			
345	State-Combined New England City and Town Area	√	√			
346	State-Combined New England City and Town Area-New England City and Town Area	√	√			
350	New England City and Town Area	√	√	√	√	√
351	New England City and Town Area-State	√	√			
352	New England City and Town Area-State-Principal City	√	√	√	√	√
353	New England City and Town Area-State-County	√	√			
354	New England City and Town Area-State-County-County Subdivision	√	√	√	√	√
355	New England City and Town Area (NECTA)-NECTA Division	√	√			
356	New England City and Town Area (NECTA)-NECTA Division-State	√	√			
357	New England City and Town Area (NECTA)-NECTA Division-State-County	√	√			
358	New England City and Town Area (NECTA)-NECTA Division-State-County-County Subdivision	√	√			
360	State-New England City and Town Area	√	√			
361	State-New England City and Town Area-Principal City	√	√			
362	State-New England City and Town Area-County	√	√			

Summary Level Code	Summary Level Description	Detailed Tables & ACS Summary Files	Data Profiles	Subject Tables	Selected Population Profiles	Narrative Profiles
363	State-New England City and Town Area-County-County Subdivision	√	√			
364	State-New England City and Town Area (NECTA)-NECTA Division	√	√			
365	State-New England City and Town Area (NECTA)-NECTA Division-County	√	√			
366	State-New England City and Town Area (NECTA)-NECTA Division-County-County Subdivision	√	√			
400	Urban Area	√	√	√	√	√
410	Urban Area-State	√	√			
430	Urban Area-State-County	√	√			
440	Urban Area-State-County-County Subdivision					
450	Urban Area-State-County-County Subdivision-Place/Remainder					
460	Urban Area-State-Central Place					
463	State-Urban Area-Consolidated City					
465	State-Urban Area-Consolidated City-Place Within Consolidated City					
500	State-Congressional District	√	√	√	√	√
510	State-Congressional District -County	√	√			
511	State-Congressional District -County-Census Tract	√	√			
521	State-Congressional District -County-County Subdivision					
531	State-Congressional District -Place/Remainder					
541	State-Congressional District -Consolidated City					
542	State-Congressional District -Consolidated City-Place Within Consolidated City					
	State-Congressional District -American Indian Area/Alaska Native Area/Hawaiian Home Land					
550						
551	State-Congressional District -American Indian Area/Alaska Native Area (Reservation or Statistical Entity Only)					
552	State-Congressional District -American Indian Area (Off-Reservation Trust Land Only)/Hawaiian Home Land					
	State-Congressional District -American IndianArea/Alaska NativeArea/Hawaiian Home Land-Tribal Subdivision/Remainder					
553						
	State-Congressional District -American Indian Area/Alaska Native Area (Reservation or Statistical Entity Only)-Tribal Subdivision/Remainder					
554						
555	State-Congressional District -American Indian Area (Off-Reservation Trust Land Only)/Hawaiian Home Land-Tribal Subdivision/Remainder					
560	State-Congressional District -Alaska Native Regional Corporation					
850	3-digit ZIP Code Tabulation Area	√	√	√	√	
851	State-3-digit ZIP Code Tabulation Area					
852	State-3-digit ZIP Code Tabulation Area-County					
860	5-digit ZIP Code Tabulation Area	√	√	√	√	
871	State-5-digit ZIP Code Tabulation Area					
881	State-5-digit ZIP Code Tabulation Area-County					

Summary Level Code	Summary Level Description	Detailed Tables & ACS Summary Files	Data Profiles	Subject Tables	Selected Population Profiles	Narrative Profiles
	Summary Levels NOT Used in Census 2000 Summary File 3 Detailed Tables but proposed for ACS					
610	State-State Legislative Districts (Upper Chamber)	√	√	√	√	√
620	State-State Legislative Districts (Lower Chamber)	√	√	√	√	√
795	State-Public Use Microdata Area (PUMA)	√	√	√	√	√
940	State-County-Traffic Analysis Zone	√	√			
950	State-School District (Elementary)	√	√	√	√	
960	State-School District (Secondary)	√	√	√	√	
970	State-School District (Unified)	√	√	√	√	
	NOTES:					
	1. Additional restrictions will be applied to avoid disclosure risks. Details summarized in separate document.					
	2. In this table "ACS Summary File" does not include the ACS Summary file for race, ethnic origin, ancestry, and country of birth groups nor the ACS American Indian and Alaska Native Summary file.					
	3. Traffic Analysis Zones and Zip Code Tabulation Areas (ZCTAs) will be included when their new definitions are available on the geographic files at the Census Bureau.					
	4. Summary levels specify the content and the hierarchical relationships of the geographic elements that are required to tabulate and summarize data. In the Summary Level Sequence Chart, the summary level code precedes the summary level area, and symbols are used with special meaning for summary levels: Hyphen "-" separates the elements of a hierarchy. Slash "/" denotes equivalent areas that have different names. Parentheses "()" are not used in the specification for summary levels, but are used occasionally in the usual and customary manner in statements of clarification.					

Table 3. Proposed Geographic Summary Levels for ACS 5-year Data Products - Thematic Maps		
Summary Level Code	Summary Level Description	Geographic Display Unit
10	United States	State
10	United States	County
10	United States	Metropolitan Statistical Area/Micropolitan Statistical Area
10	United States	Congressional District
10	United States	Zip Code Tabulation Area 3
20	Region	County
20	Region	Metropolitan Statistical Area/Micropolitan Statistical Area
20	Region	Congressional District
20	Region	Zip Code Tabulation Area 3
30	Division	County
30	Division	Metropolitan Statistical Area/Micropolitan Statistical Area
30	Division	Congressional District
30	Division	Zip Code Tabulation Area 3
40	State	County
40	State	County Subdivision
40	State	Census Tract
40	State	Urban Area
40	State	Congressional District
40	State	Zip Code Tabulation Area 5
50	State-County	County Subdivision
50	State-County	Census Tract
50	State-County	Zip Code Tabulation Area 5
60	State-County-County Subdivision	Census Tract
67	State [Puerto Rico Only]-County-County Subdivision-Subbarrio	Census Tract
160	State-Place	Census Tract
170	State-Consolidated City	Census Tract
230	State-Alaska Native Regional Corporation	Census Tract
250	American Indian Area/Alaska Native Area/Hawaiian Home Land	Census Tract
251	American Indian Area/Alaska Native Area/Hawaiian HomeLand-Tribal Subdivision/Remainder	Census Tract
310	Metropolitan Statistical Area/Micropolitan Statistical Area	County
310	Metropolitan Statistical Area/Micropolitan Statistical Area	Census Tract
310	Metropolitan Statistical Area/Micropolitan Statistical Area	Zip Code Tabulation Area 5

Table 3. Proposed Geographic Summary Levels for ACS 5-year Data Products - Thematic Maps		
Summary Level Code	Summary Level Description	Geographic Display Unit
314	Metropolitan Statistical Area-Metropolitan Division	County
314	Metropolitan Statistical Area-Metropolitan Division	Census Tract
314	Metropolitan Statistical Area-Metropolitan Division	Zip Code Tabulation Area 5
330	Combined Statistical Area	County
330	Combined Statistical Area	Census Tract
330	Combined Statistical Area	Zip Code Tabulation Area 5
335	Combined New England City and Town Area	County
335	Combined New England City and Town Area	County Subdivision
335	Combined New England City and Town Area	Census Tract
335	Combined New England City and Town Area	Zip Code Tabulation Area 5
350	New England City and Town Area	County
350	New England City and Town Area	County Subdivision
350	New England City and Town Area	Census Tract
350	New England City and Town Area	Zip Code Tabulation Area 5
400	Urban Area	County
400	Urban Area	Census Tract
400	Urban Area	Zip Code Tabulation Area 5
410	Urban Area-State	County
410	Urban Area-State	Census Tract
500	State-Congressional District	County
500	State-Congressional District	County Subdivision
500	State-Congressional District	Census Tract
850	3-digit ZIP Code Tabulation Area	County Subdivision
850	3-digit ZIP Code Tabulation Area	Census Tract
850	3-digit ZIP Code Tabulation Area	Zip Code Tabulation Area 5
	Note: Summary levels specify the content and the hierarchical relationships of the geographic elements that are required to tabulate and summarize data. In the Summary Level Sequence Chart, the summary level code precedes the summary level area, and symbols are used with special meaning for summary levels:	
	Hyphen “-” separates the elements of a hierarchy.	
	Slash “/” denotes equivalent areas that have different names.	

	Table 3. Proposed Geographic Summary Levels for ACS 5-year Data Products - Thematic Maps	
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Table 4. Proposed Geographic Summary Levels for ACS 5-year Data Products - Geographic Comparison Tables

Summary Level Code	Summary Level Description	Geographic Comparison Unit
10	United States	Urban/Rural and Inside/Outside Metropolitan/Micropolitan Statistical Area
10	United States	Urban Area Population by Size Class
10	United States	Urban Cluster Population by Size Class
10	United States	Urban Area Population by Size Class
10	United States	Metropolitan Statistical Area/Micropolitan Statistical Area Population by Size Class
10	United States	State and Puerto Rico
10	United States and Puerto Rico	Metropolitan Statistical Area/Micropolitan Statistical Area
10	United States and Puerto Rico	United States and Puerto Rico -- Metropolitan Statistical Area/Micropolitan Statistical Area
10	United States	New England County Metropolitan/Micropolitan Statistical Area
10	United States and Puerto Rico	Urban Area
10	United States and Puerto Rico	Places and (in selected states) County Subdivisions With 50,000 or More Population by State in the United States; and Puerto Rico
10	United States	American Indian and Alaska Native Area, Alaska Native Regional Corporation
10	United States and Puerto Rico	Metropolitan Statistical Area/Micropolitan Statistical Area, in Principal City, Not in Principal City, County, and (in selected states) County Subdivision
10	United States	New England County Metropolitan/Micropolitan Statistical Areas, in Principal City, Not in Principal City, and County
10	United States and Puerto Rico	Urban Area, in Central Place, Not in Central Place, and County
10	United States and Puerto Rico	Congressional Districts by State for the United States; and Puerto Rico
10	United States and Puerto Rico	Region, Division, and States for the United States; and Puerto Rico
10	United States and Puerto Rico	County by State for the United States; and Puerto Rico
20	Region	Urban/Rural and Inside/Outside Metropolitan/Micropolitan Statistical Area
20	Region	Urban Area Population by Size Class
20	Region	Urban Cluster Population by Size Class
20	Region	Metropolitan Statistical Area/Micropolitan Statistical Area Population by Size Class
30	Division	Urban/Rural and Inside/Outside Metropolitan/Micropolitan Statistical Area
40	State	Urban/Rural and Inside/Outside Metropolitan/Micropolitan Statistical Area
40	State	County
40	State	Urban Cluster
40	State	Congressional District
40	State	Place and (in selected states) County Subdivision
40	State	American Indian Area/Alaska Native Area/Hawaiian Home Land
50	State-County	Census Tract
850	3-digit ZIP Code Tabulation Area	5-digit ZIP Code Tabulation Area (ZCTA) TM

Table 5. Proposed Geographic Summary Levels for ACS 5-year Data Products Based on Place of Work and Residence 1 Year Ago			
Summary Level Code	Summary Level Description	Special Data Product - Place of Work Geography	Special Data Product - Geography of Residence 1 Year Ago
40	State	√	√
50	State-County	√	√
60	State-County-County Subdivision	√	√
160	State-Place	√	√
170	State-Consolidated City	√	√
310	Metropolitan Statistical Area/Micropolitan Statistical Area	√	√
312	Metropolitan Statistical Area/Micropolitan Statistical Area-State-Principal City	√	√
314	Metropolitan Statistical Area-Metropolitan Division	√	√
330	Combined Statistical Area	√	√
335	Combined New England City and Town Area	√	√
350	New England City and Town Area	√	√
351	New England City and Town Area-State	√	√
352	New England City and Town Area-State-Principal City	√	√
	Note: Summary levels specify the content and the hierarchical relationships of the geographic elements that are required to tabulate and summarize data. In the Summary Level Sequence Chart, the summary level code precedes the summary level area, and symbols are used with special meaning for summary levels:		
	Hyphen “-” separates the elements of a hierarchy.		
	Slash “/” denotes equivalent areas that have different names.		
	Parentheses “()” are not used in the specification for summary levels, but are used occasionally in the usual and customary manner in statements of clarification.		